

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

The September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Booker Gainor. Present were Council Members Demario Byrden, James H. Douglas, Jerry L. Cox, and Lannis Thornton. Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Gwaltney was out of town. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and Asst. City Clerk Sandra Roberts. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

Invocation – The Invocation was given by Councilman Cox.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes:

1.) Agenda Approval – Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Councilmen present.

2.) Minutes Approval - Regular Council Meeting - September 10, 2018 - Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Councilmen present.

Delegations:

Special Events:

1.) Special Event – Street Closure – First Assembly of God, 12th Avenue NE, Thanksgiving Outreach, November 17, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Travis Harrison, Applicant - Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed by all Council Members present.

2.) Special Event – Street Closure - Boo on Broad, Broad Street from 3rd Ave., NE/NW to 2nd Ave./MLK, SE/SW, October 31, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Celeste Tyler, Applicant - Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and passed by all Council Members present.

Old Business:

New Business:

Construction Delivery Method for the Police Station - Greg Smith of Buckley and Associates – Construction delivery methods for the new police department were discussed with Mr. Smith citing pros and cons for each method. After discussion about use of local contractors, the ease of managing the project, budget, and ease of flexibility in awarding bids, a motion was made by Councilman Cox to select the Construction Management at Risk method. Motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Adoption of Ordinance for Utility Billing Procedures – City Manager Addleton gave a hand-out to each of the Councilmen with a change in the wording regarding cutoff processing/disconnect fee. Motion to adopt the ordinance with the proposed changes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

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Adoption of Ordinance for Garbage Collection and Disposal – Household Furnishings – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Appointment for the Cairo Development Authority – Motion to re-appoint Robbie Burns to a new three year term (10/31/2021) was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Appointment for the Joint Development Authority – Motion to appoint Ernest Cloud to a three year term (10/1/2021) was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Other Business:

Reports:

1.) Reports from City Manager: - The city was not funded for a grant at the airport in the first round, but more funding would be provided for round 2. The project would be automatically reconsidered. A policy was provided to the Mayor and Council for use of the office space on the 2nd floor of City Hall and the Council Chambers. Motion to approve the policy was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council – Councilman Byrden – Willie C. Harris Drive had some storm water back up that was causing water to end up in a resident’s yard. Also there were no street lights on S. Broad between 5th and 6th Avenues. Councilman Douglas – inquired about the alcohol ordinance and was told it would possibly be addressed at the next meeting. Councilman Thornton – street light out near Northside School. Councilman Cox – Street light issues in the area of 15th Street and 15th Ave. NW. Also, one needed to be replaced outside of the Women’s Club/Library parking lot. Inquired about the bill layout on the utility bills and was told the changes should be finalized soon. Mayor Gainor - Thanked Councilmen Douglas and Byrden for their participation in a recent meeting with the Youth Council. Also, recognized the Police Dept. for their good work and commented that they deserved a new police department.

Adjourn – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SANDRA ROBERTS, ASST. CITY CLERK